

Senate Resolution 1640

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Morehouse College Police Dispatcher Karen Anita Wells; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Morehouse College Police Dispatcher Karen Anita Wells demonstrated calm
4 under extreme pressure, skillful execution of her training, and compassionate service that
5 helped in the release of four carjack victims on April 25, 2010; and

6 WHEREAS, on Sunday evening April 25, 2010, Ms. Wells received a call from one of four
7 students who had been carjacked and kidnapped by three men in Atlanta, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, the three Morehouse College students and one American Intercontinental
9 University student were on the campus of Morehouse College when they were carjacked at
10 gunpoint and two passengers were forced into the trunk of the car; and

11 WHEREAS, upon receiving a call for help from a victim in the trunk, Ms. Wells directed
12 officers from Morehouse College and other Atlanta University Center campuses to the
13 Wachovia Bank in the West End neighborhood of Atlanta, where the carjackers were taking
14 the victims to gain access to their bank accounts with their stolen ATM cards; and

15 WHEREAS, a graduate of Tupelo High School, Ms. Wells earned a bachelor's degree in
16 criminal justice from Jackson State University and attended Georgia State University's
17 master program in criminal justice; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Wells has served as a dispatcher for Morehouse College Campus since
19 2009 and has 25 years of experience with the Atlanta Police Department, where she served
20 in numerous capacities, including administrative sergeant, security commander, post
21 sergeant, team sergeant, and sector sergeant; and

22 WHEREAS, POST and GCIC certified, Ms. Wells has been trained in expansive areas of law
23 enforcement, including first response, mass arrest, management, and criminal procedure just
24 to name a few; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
26 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend Morehouse College Police Dispatcher Karen Anita Wells on her professional,
29 calm, and quick thinking that saved the lives of four carjack victims.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Morehouse College Police Dispatcher
32 Karen Anita Wells.